

The Most Horrifying Thought Of All

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In FLAMING FIRE taking VENGEANCE on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord

Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord..." —2nd Thessalonians 1:8

As I was resting this afternoon, I pondered how horrifying it will be for most people when they die—realizing for the first time in their existence that the Holy Bible was 100% true, but they rejected it, and now it is TOO LATE and they cannot go back! What a horrifying thought. Can you imagine dying, and then finding yourself in Hell, tormented in flames of fire, and you know that there is no way out, no escape, no rest, no relief, no water, no mercy, nor compassion, no love, no joy, no peace, no friends, no second chances, no end in sight... DAMNED FOR ALL ETERNITY!!! It will be just like being buried alive! That thought should scare you immensely if you've never been born-again by faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



All of today's boastful atheists, blasphemers and God-haters will one day bow and confess in eternity that Jesus Christ is Lord of all (Philippians 2:9-10). They will weep bitter tears of regret and sorrow, and gnash their teeth in shock and agony, as they realize they could have spent eternity freely living a life that those in Beverly Hills, California, today could only envy. If you die in your sins friend, how will you feel when you see Christians in Heaven enjoying all that is good (Romans 8:32), but yourself spending eternity suffering without rest in the horrifying Lake of Fire? You will be tormented, miserable and wishing you had never been born. You will be terrified beyond imagination!!! Luke 13:28, "**There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.**"

Why Churches Don't Preach On Hell Anymore

I wouldn't give you a dime for a so-called "church" that doesn't preach on Hell, fire and damnation. If your church is dead, please leave. What's the use of going to a church that doesn't have preaching? Why waste your time? Why attend a church that has fallen prey to the Lordship Salvation heresy? Why attend a church that uses a satanic modern Bible version? You won't change them, they'll corrupt you! I'm not saying to leave an imperfect church, God forbid. Albeit, when a pastor is so arrogant and distant from God that he is following heretics like Ravi Zacharias, Billy Graham, Rick Warren, John MacArthur and other ecumenical false prophets, it's time to get out!

Most churches today are DEAD spiritually. I'll tell you, I'm totally disgusted with a capital "D" at today's pathetic churches, especially our Independent Baptist churches. They're no longer truly fundamental with few exceptions. What has

happened in America? I'll tell you what has happened. Luke 16:13, "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Very few pastors who serve money are aware of it, because denial is a part of our sinful human nature.

This is why the Bible teaches in Jeremiah 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Most of today's churches are DEAD. I'm talking about the Bob Jones crowd. I'm talking about the Northland Baptist University crowd. I'm talking about the Southwestern Baptist Seminary crowd. I'm talking about the Southern Baptist Convention crowd and Dallas Theological University. I could list thousands of dead theological institutions, Bible colleges, seminaries and groups.

It was Evangelist Billy Sunday who rightly said a century ago...

"It would be a godsend if the Church would suffer persecution today; she hasn't suffered it for hundreds of years. She is growing rich and lagging behind. Going back."

SOURCE: *Billy Sunday, The Need for Revivals*, From "Billy Sunday: The Man and His Message," by William T. Ellis, Philadelphia: John C. Winston Co., 1914

In 2014, a century later after Billy Sunday's indictment of modern churches, nothing further can be said except that Billy Sunday didn't know how right he was!!!

If I had my way, I'd fire every pastor who doesn't preach on Hell. I know a Baptist pastor who won't preach on Hell, but he invites out-of-town evangelists who'll do the dirty work for him and mention Hell. Still, I have more respect for that milquetoast preacher than I do for those shameful preachers who dare not even allow others to mention Hell, fire and damnation from the pulpit. The love of money has destroyed our churches. And by the way, you don't have to be greedy or covetous to SERVE money, you just need to prioritize money over the truth. Notice in Luke 16:13 that the Bible contrasts who you are serving: *God or mammon (wealth)*.

Most religious people fail to understand that only God decides who or what comprises a "church." Mormons are a satanic cult, not a New Testament church. Seventh Day Adventists are a satanic cult, not a Biblical church. Roman Catholicism is a satanic cult, not a Spirit-filled church in any way. Catholics are two-fold the children of Hell, both because they are blinded by false religion and also need to get saved. You can't get saved until you first realize that you are lost. That's what repentance is all about. Repentance is realizing that you are a woeful sinner in the eyes of a holy God, which causes you to see your need for the Savior, Jesus Christ.

There is a Path to Heaven That Leads to Hell

It depresses me when I think about the world's one billion Christ-rejecting Muslims. They're all going straight to Hell when they die. That thought should depress every soul-conscious Christian. Islam (whose UNholy book is the *Koran*, or *Quran*) adamantly deny that Jesus is the Christ. **1st John 2:22, “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”** The Holy Bible calls Muslims “liars” and “antichrists”! May I say, Judaism (whose UNholy book is the *Talmud*) also denies that Jesus is the Christ. Judaizers are also liars and antichrists! There are many ways that Satan blinds and misleads people away from the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ by which we are saved (2nd Corinthians 4:3-4)

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Romans 1:15-17, “So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

Jesus' disciples asked Him an amazing question that Christian believers often ask today, two millenniums later...

Luke 13:23-24, “Then said one unto him, **Lord, are there few that be saved?** And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”

What horrifying words! Jesus said that MOST people who seek entrance into Heaven's pearly gates will be turned away!!!

I once heard the missionary Paris Reidhead (1919-1992) foolishly say in a sermon titled, “Ten Shekels And A Shirt,” that people who only get saved due to fear of going to Hell are false converts. Nothing could be further from the truth! Wanting to escape the fires of Hell is a very good reason to seek salvation.

Here is Paris Reidhead's satanic false plan of salvation . . .

“Dear friends there's only one reason, one reason, for a sinner to repent—and that's because Jesus Christ deserves the worship, and the adoration, and the love, and the obedience of his heart—not because he'll go to Heaven. If the only reason you repented dear friend was to keep out of Hell, all you are is just a Levite serving for ten shekels and a shirt. That's all! You're trying to serve God because He'll do you good. But a repentant heart is a heart that has seen something of the enormity of the crime of playing God and denying the just and righteous God the worship and the obedience that He deserves.

Why should a sinner repent? Because God deserves the obedience and love that he has refused to give Him, not so that he'll go to Heaven. [If] The only reason he repents is so that he'll go

to Heaven, it's nothing but trying to make a deal or bargain with God. Why should a sinner give up all his sins? Why should he be challenged to do it? Why should he make restitution when he's coming to Christ? Because God deserves the obedience that He demands!

I have talked with people who have no assurance of sins forgiven. They want to feel saved before they're willing to commit themselves to Christ; but I believe that the only ones whom God actually witnesses (by His Spirit) that they're born-again are the people (whether they say it or not) that come to Jesus Christ and say something like this—"Lord Jesus I'm going to obey you, and love you, and serve you, and do what you want me to do—as long as I live, even if I go to Hell at the end of the road—simply because you are worthy to be loved and served and I'm not trying to make a deal with You!"

SOURCE: Dr. Paris Reidhead, from the sermon, "TEN SHEKELS AND A SHIRT."

According to Mr. Reidhead, only repentance which sees God as a holy God and compels a person to turn from their sin and pursue a holy life is acceptable to God. That is a total misrepresentation of the plan of salvation. THE TRUTH is that eternal life is a "free gift" (Romans 5:15, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9) to anyone who wants it. You don't have to pursue holiness to obtain it, for that would be human effort and self-righteousness.

A changed life is the FRUIT of genuine repentance, and not a part of the ROOT of saving-faith; but you cannot and should not mandate those changes for salvation, because men cannot see into other men's hearts. 1st Samuel 16:7b, "for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." This is why James spoke of being justified by works in the sight of men (James 2:18-22); whereas Paul spoke of being justified in the eyes of God (Romans 4:5-6).

Please don't confuse sonship with discipleship and fellowship. God put Hebrews 12:6-8 in the Bible for those of His children who choose to live in sin. God chastises and scourges His children, if they are indeed His children!!! God doesn't discipline the Devil's children (John 8:44).

Romans 10:3-4 plainly teaches that we are saved by God's righteousness through faith in Christ Jesus, and not by our own self righteous works. Again, please consider the precious and plain teachings of Philippians 3:9, "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

The rich man in Luke 16:19-31 died in his sins without Christ. During his earthly life, the rich man had no interest in the things of God. He lived in splendor in a mansion and enjoyed all the delicacies of life, eating heartily and making merry in his heart daily; but now he is burning in Hell, being tormented in flames...

Luke 16:22b-24, “the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”

Please don't wait until it is too late like the rich man in Luke 16:19-31 foolishly did. In Hell (Greek: *Hades*) he lifted up his voice in torments, begging for a single drop of water, but it was too late. The rich man was shown no mercy by God nor anyone else. Oh, my friend, do not toy with God. Do not tempt the mighty hand of God. Today could be your last day on earth. Please do not miss what just might be your last train to Heaven. The engine is roaring. The train whistle is blowing. The wheels are ready to be set in motion. Are you a secure passenger or a foolish spectator who will be left behind? [Now is the time of salvation!!!](#)

The Bible Warns of Everlasting Fire, Torment and Suffering in Hell

I was saddened today as I thought about all the billions of people who are going to burn in Hell for all eternity. Do you realize that even after a trillion years, it won't even be the beginning of one's punishment if they die in their sins without Jesus Christ. Many people, even preachers, have difficulty grasping the reality of eternal punishment; however, we are not as holy as God, so we cannot understand such things as God does. If the Holy Bible says it, that settles it, whether we believe it or not.

Only a complete fool would disregard the inspired Words of God...

Revelation 20:10-15, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”**

Jesus warned of the fire that shall never be quenched in Hell. Presently, unsaved people go to Hades (Hell) when they die, waiting trial at The Great White Throne of Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15), at which time they will be sentenced and cast into Gehenna (Hell), which is the Lake of Fire forever (for an in-depth study on Hell, please see: [A Biblical Examination of Hell](#))...

Mark 9:44-48, “And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go **into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:** Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched.** And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt

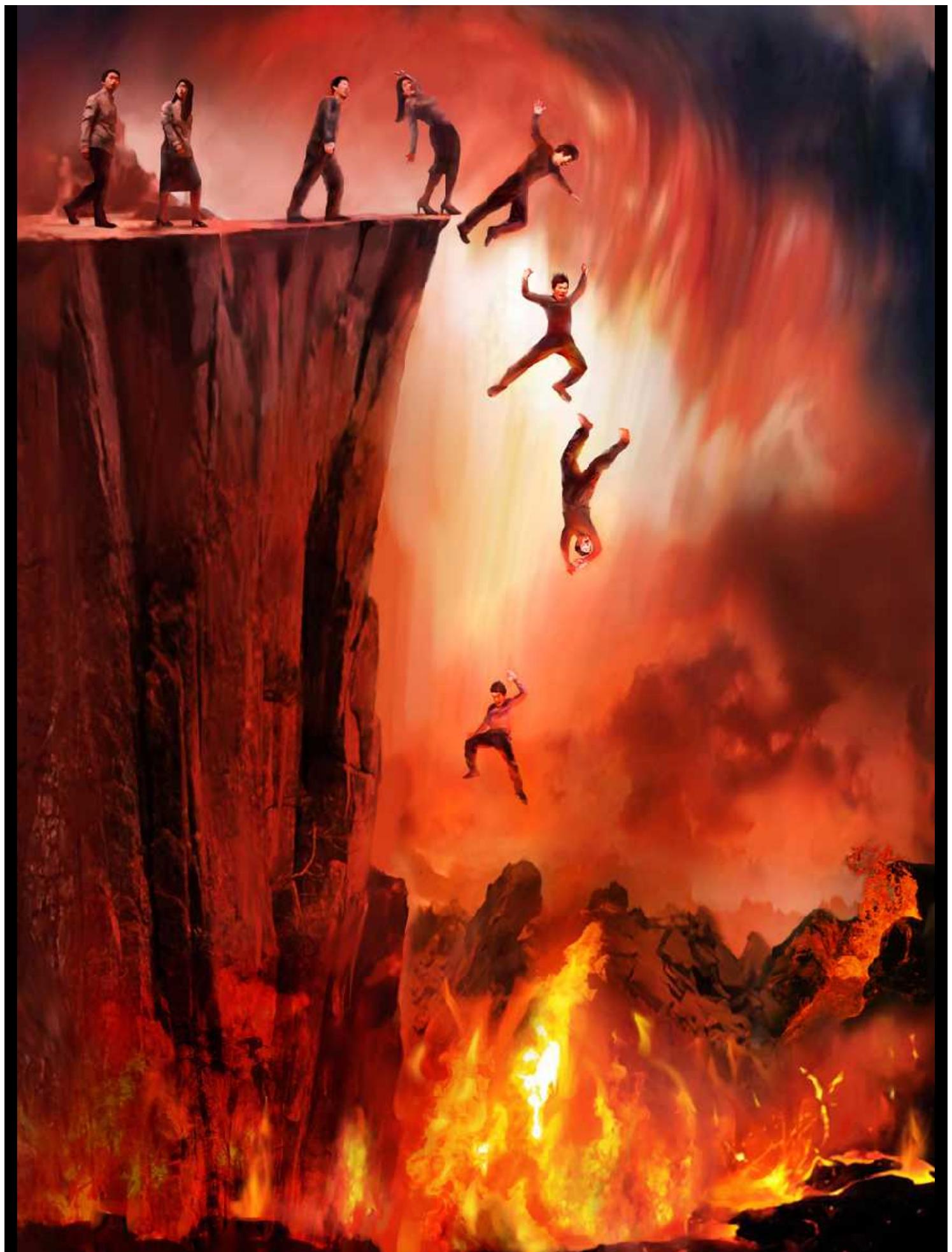
into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into **the fire that never shall be quenched**: Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched**. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to **be cast into hell fire**: Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched**."

The Lake of Fire (Greek: *Gehenna*) is a place of torment with fire and brimstone. There is smoke. There will be no rest day nor night forever. This is the future home of all the damned who die in their sins without Christ, and those who worshipped THE BEAST...



Revelation 14:9-13, "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he **shall be tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image**, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." —Revelation 20:11



“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.” —2nd Thessalonians 1:8,9

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